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Referred to Committee on Public Safety and Security

Introduced by:
(PS)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE INVESTIGATION OF MISSING ADULT PERSONS REPORTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2011*) (a) For the purposes of
2 this section and section 7-294o of the general statutes, as amended by
3 this act, "law enforcement agency" means the Division of State Police
4 within the Department of Public Safety or any municipal police
5 department, and "adult" means an individual who has attained the age
6 of twenty-one years.

7 (b) A law enforcement agency shall accept without delay any report
8 of a missing adult person.

9 (c) The unit of the Division of State Police within the Department of
10 Public Safety that investigates missing adult persons shall, as
11 appropriate, enter all collected information relating to a missing adult
12 person case into the National Crime Information Center database and
13 any other applicable federal database with all practicable speed.

14 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2011*) (a) After performing any

15 death scene investigation when homicide is suspected, the official with
16 custody of the human remains shall ensure that the human remains are
17 delivered to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.

18 (b) The Chief Medical Examiner shall obtain from the human
19 remains (1) samples of tissue suitable for DNA typing, if possible, or
20 (2) samples of whole bone or hair suitable for DNA typing. The Chief
21 Medical Examiner shall immediately submit the samples obtained to
22 the Division of Scientific Services within the Department of Public
23 Safety.

24 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2011*) The law enforcement agency
25 having custody of or supervision over a person (1) whose identity is
26 unknown, and (2) who is in a coma or whose memory is impaired due
27 to Alzheimer's disease, amnesia or a similar disorder, shall obtain a
28 blood or other biological sample for DNA analysis to determine
29 identification characteristics specific to the person, and shall
30 immediately submit such sample to the Division of Scientific Services
31 within the Department of Public Safety.

32 Sec. 4. Section 7-294o of the general statutes is repealed and the
33 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

34 (a) Not later than January 1, [2008] 2012, the Police Officer
35 Standards and Training Council shall develop and implement a policy
36 concerning the acceptance of missing person reports, including, but
37 not limited to, adult missing person reports, by law enforcement
38 agencies in this state and such agencies' response thereto. Such policy
39 shall include, but not be limited to, (1) guidelines for the acceptance of
40 a missing person report, (2) the types of information that a law
41 enforcement agency should seek to ascertain and record concerning
42 the missing person or missing adult person that would aid in locating
43 the missing person or missing adult person, (3) the circumstances that
44 indicate that a missing person or missing adult person is a high risk
45 missing person, (4) the types of information that a law enforcement
46 agency should provide to the person making the missing person

47 report, to a family member or to any other person in a position to assist
 48 the law enforcement agency in its efforts to locate the missing person
 49 or missing adult person, and (5) the responsibilities of a law
 50 enforcement agency in responding to a missing person report and the
 51 manner of such response, including preferred methods of response
 52 that are sensitive to the emotions of the person making such report.
 53 The council shall create a disc or other software that contains step-by-
 54 step instructions to follow upon receipt of a report of a missing person
 55 and that police officers may access while in a police motor vehicle.

56 (b) Each police basic or review training program conducted or
 57 administered by the Division of State Police within the Department of
 58 Public Safety, the Police Officer Standards and Training Council or a
 59 municipal police department shall include training in the policy
 60 developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section and training in the
 61 use of the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System created
 62 by the Office of Justice Program's National Institute of Justice.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	7-294o

Statement of Purpose:

To ensure that reports of missing adult persons are accepted and investigated by the police in an effective and timely manner.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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